

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the First Franklin Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of First Franklin Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 0.6% (723) of these admissions reside in the First Franklin Representative District. 2% (12) of admissions from the First Franklin Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the First Franklin Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 72% were male and 28% were female.
- 53% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 90% were white non-Latino, 3% were black non-Latino, 3% were Latino, and 3% were other racial categories.
- 55% were never married, 16% were married, and 29% reported not to be married now.
- 21% had less than high school education, 49% completed high school, and 30% had more than high school education.
- 36% were employed.
- 11% were homeless.
- 39% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the First Franklin Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	65%	17%	7%	3%	2%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's) are individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003							
First Franklin Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	652	573	160	72	73	78	47
FY '96	609	547	148	104	76	81	50
FY '97	622	551	164	104	86	58	38
FY '98	716	618	202	117	89	104	71
FY '99	662	572	184	94	73	85	49
FY '00	740	620	196	109	68	145	83
FY '01	699	580	154	82	65	126	78
FY '02	663	532	193	93	60	165	103
FY '03	723	587	206	115	91	152	97